

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US00/25535

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B32B 31/00; E02B 3/12, 5/02
US CL : 156/71, 276, 547, 550; 405/270, 38, 52

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 156/71, 276, 547, 550; 405/270, 38, 52

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	45 4,872,784 A (PAYNE) 10 October 1989 (10.10.89), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 5,725,716 A (PAYNE) 10 March 1998 (10.03.98), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 3,854,292 A (NIENSTADT) 17 December 1974 (17.12.74), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 4,535,015 A (BRUNER et al.) 13 August 1985 (13.08.85), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 5,421,677 A (ADAMS et al.) 06 June 1995 (06.06.95), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 3,651,649 A (NAJVAR et al.) 28 March 1972 (28.03.72), see entire document.	1-20
Y	US 4,405,264 A (BRADY et al.) 20 September 1983 (20.09.83), see entire document.	1-20

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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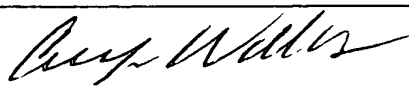
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference C19248		FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/25535	International filing date (day/month/year) 18 September 2000 (18.09.2000)	Priority date (day/month/year) 20 September 1999 (20.09.1999)	
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Applicant LEROY PAYNE			
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p>			
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>			
Date of submission of the demand 20 April 2001 (20.04.2001)		Date of completion of this report 09 July 2001 (09.07.2001)	
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703)305-3230		Authorized officer Michael W. Ball  Telephone No. 703-308-0661	

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I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application: *

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-9 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims:
pages 10-14, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)). **

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the process of forming a ditch liner which included an immediate curing thin resin layer disposed on the exterior surface of the liner for the purpose of attachment of the liner to the substrate. Additionally the specified ditch liner including the thin immediately curing resin coating thereon on both sides is not shown in the art. The prior art of record additionally failed to teach the specific cantilevered extendable arm with the associated grasping means for placement of the ditch liner in the desired local. Note that the claims have industrial applicability as being useful devices, processes and articles of manufacture for lining a ditch.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

20 April 2001 (20.04.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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